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SUBJECT: SOVIET S/CUBAN/ETHIOPIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN
BAGHDAD
REF: BAGHDAD 2246

1. IRAQI PRESS DEC 22 REPORTS CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY
WHICH MAY BE RELATED TO SOVIET AIRLIFT. MANSITTA DESTA MET
WITH VP MAAROUF, WHILE SOV AMBASSADOR MET WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN.
MFA U/S WHO HAD ATTENDED DESTAS MEETING WITH TARIQ AZIZ WAS
ALSO PRESENT AT ABOVE MEETINGS. MEANWHILE, CUBAN DELEGATION
HAD AIRPORT SEND OFF AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL.

2. LOCAL SOURCE CLAIMING INTELLIGENCE ACCESS STATES CUBANS
PAVED WAY FOR DESTA VISIT AND LOWER LEVEL ETHIOPIAN
REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMPANIED CUBANS TO BAGHDAD. SOURCE ADDED
NOBODY SHOULD RAISE EYEBROWS AT DESTA VISIT, NOTING THAT IRAQIS
RECEIVED U/S HABIB LAST MAY, DISCUSSED ISSUES WITH HIM AND DID
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NOT CHANGE THEIR POSITIONS. SAME COULD BE TRUE FOR IRAQI POLICY
TOWARD HORN.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS SOVIETS ARE PUTTING ON PRESSURE FOR
CONTINUED AIRLIFT. IRAQIS ARE MAKING LITTLE EFFORT TO KEEP THIS
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY SECRET. COVERAGE BY CONTROLLED MEDIA
ARGUES AGAINST LIKELIHOOD OF A MAJOR SHIFT IN POLICY WHICH

REGIMES CRITICS COULD VIEW AS A SELLOUT OF PRINCIPLES OF ARAB
LIBERATION. PECK

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